**Salaries to teaching and Non-teaching Staff**

2158. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has expressed concern over the fact that 95 per cent of the expenditure on education is incurred on the salary of teaching and non-teaching staff and that he was in "favour of an educaton cess" as appeared in news-item in the Times of India dated the 2nd December, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps Government propose to take in the matter;

(c) whether he is aware of the fact that the Central Universities, State Universities and deemed Universities are facing severe financial crunch and are unable to pay even the salaries to their teaching and non-teaching staff, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) At the conference of educaton organised in connection with the EFA-9 Summit of 9 high population countries, the need for a more balanced expenditure of education came up for consideration. The National Policy on Education, 1986 lays stress on mobilising resources for education, inspiring the quality of education and infrastructure facilities in schools. It is in pursuance of this that schemes like Operation Blackboard were launched.

The National Development Council, at its 46th meeting had endorsed the recommendations of the NDC Committee on Literacy, which inter-alia, suggested exploring measures for additional resource mobilization including the educational cess.

(c) Central Universities are set u Acts of Parliament and their entire r tenance and development expenditu met by the Government through U In the case of State Universities maintenance grants are fully provide the respective State Governments. provides only development grants t State Universities. The Plan and Plan expenditure of institutions of l learning, which are declared as De to-be Universities under Section 3 c UGC Act, is met by the Trust/A which has established the concerned tution. However, UGC is providing tenance as well as development to some of the Deemed Unievrsiti in the case of Central Universities.

(d) Non-Plan grants provided b Government to UGC have been st increasing over the years. UG constituted a High-Powered Commit evolve rational norms for providing lopment and maintenance grants t Central Universities, Deemed Unive and Delhi colleges. Meanwhile, man, UGC has advised the Centra versities, Deemed Universities and colleges to make efforts to reduce un able expenditure and augment their nal income wherever possible. UG also liberalised the scale of Plan assi to the Universities in the Eighth P

**ग्रामीण महिलाओं के विकास के संगोष्ठी**

2159. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बता कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार विभिन्न में शिक्षा-विशेषज्ञों के सहयोग से "महि विशेषकर ग्रामीण महिलाओं के वि विषय पर संगोष्ठी तथा कार्यश आयोजित करने पर विचार कर रह

(ख) यदि हां, तो उत्तर प्रदे ऐसे कितने केन्द्रों में इस प्रका संगोष्ठी तथा कार्यशाला आयोजि जाने की सम्भावना है; और

(ग) ये कब तक आयोजित की जाएंगी ?

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती बासव राजेश्वरी)** : (क) जी, नहीं। तथापि, महिलाओं और बच्चों से संबंधित विषयों पर शिक्षित करने एवं जन-चेतना जागृत करने के लिए कार्यशालाएं आयोजित करने हेतु गैर-सरकारी संगठनों को सीमित सहायता देने की सरकार की एक योजना है।

(ख) और (ग) केन्द्रीय समाज कल्याण बोर्ड द्वारा कार्यान्वित की जा रही, ग्रामीण एवं निर्धन महिलाओं के लिए जन-चेतना जागृति परियोजना के अंतर्गत, उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान ऐसे 150 जन-चेतना जागृति शिविरों के आयोजन का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है।

**District primary education programme**

2160. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of districts in which the district primary education programme has been implemented; state-wise details;

(b) the progress made, so far, in this regard;

(c) to what extent, this programme is likely to achieve universal elementary education;

(d) whether any foreign funds are likely to be provided for the programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) In keeping with the National Policy on Education and its Programme of Action, a new initiative to achieve universalisation of elementary education (UEE) has been evolved titled District Primary Education Programme'.. The programme seeks to operationalise the strategy for Universalisation of Elementary Education through district-specific planning and disaggregated target setting. The aim is the District Primary Education Programme is the reconstruction of primary education as a whole in the selected districts instead of piecemeal implementation of schemes. The District Primary Education programme seeks to cover districts where female literacy rates are below the national average and those where Total Literacy Campaigns have successfully generated a demand for elementary education. Under the District Primary Education Programme, 46 districts in 8 States have been selected for planning exercises. These include 4 districts in Assam, 4 in Orissa, 4 in Haryana, 4 in Karnataka, 19 in Madhya Pradesh, 5 in Maharashtra, 3 in Tamil Nadu and 3 in Kerala.

(d) and (e) The coverage of District Primary Education Programme is linked to the availability of external resources. Multi-lateral and bi-lateral external funding agencies have shown interest in providing financial assistances to the programme.

**Age limit for the post of Principal in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

2161. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maximum age of PGTs of Kendriya Vidyalaya upto which they can apply for the post of Principal through direct quota has recently been fixed at 50 years, if so, when;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the authority at whose instance the decision has since been arrived at and executed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF